

Muncie Park & Recreation Board Meeting

March 15, 2016 at 6:15 p.m.

City Hall Auditorium

President, Beverly Kelley called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Ms. Kelley asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence, then the pledge of allegiance.

I. Roll Call; Chase Winkle (Absent), Joann Miller (Present), Yolanda Carey (Present), Beverly Kelley (Present), and Adrian Leavell (Present).

II. Approval of the January Board Meeting Minutes was so moved by Joann Miller seconded by Adrian Leavell and unanimously approved by members present.

III. The Superintendent's Report was given by Harvey Wright. We are in full swing preparing for 2016 Summer Programming. Fliers are out for Soccer, Baseball/Softball, Summer programming. Applications are available in the Park Office, Unity Center, as well as being sent out by Muncie City Schools.

The Mayor's Easter Egg Hunt will be March 26, 2016 at 2p.m. in Cabin #5. The age group will be Special Needs, 3 and under, 4-6 years, 7-9 years, 10 and over.

The Parks Department will have the first Arts& Crafts Festival/Rummage of 2016 on May 14, 2016, Live music, vendors, a free drawing for door prizes. Sale hours will be 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Fliers will be available in the Park Office next week. Vendors need to notify us. The Vendors can set up at 8 a.m. We are planning on have another one in the fall at Westside Park around October.

The Parks Department is in the planning stages with the Concerned Clergy to have a monthly gospel concerts in the McCulloch Park throughout the summer. We will be trying to start in June, to use the new stage and bleachers. We have a new sound system that we will be using.

Ron Bonham Day this year will be July 2 at Prairie Creek Reservoir down at the New Beach House. Different events will need more electricity, and there are more restrooms down at the Beach areas. The fireworks this year will last 20 to 30 minutes longer.

VI. Event Applications:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. has asked to use a shelter at Heekin Park for a Muncie Baby Shower. This event is to aid and serve mothers in the Muncie area. The activity is April 9, 2016 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Mr. Wright stated that we do not provide security for any event. Mr. Leavell made a motion to except the application if they get their security, seconded by Mrs. Carey. Theresa Rude will call and find out about security, they could use two members of their sorority to be their security for the event. Mr. Leavell made a motion to except this event as long as the security is in place. Mrs. Carey seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, if they have security.

Muncie Chapter Indiana Black Expo, Inc. has asked for McCulloch Park for June 3, 4, & 5, 2016 for the Summer Celebration. Mr. Wright has a problem with the electricity at McCulloch Park, and the location for the event. The Black Expo has been at 9th Street and Grant Street for years. We have sufficient electricity at Heekin Park, where they have held the event for years. Black Expo is expecting 2000 people to attend this event. Mr. Wright is concerned about having enough security, because there has always been 2000 people. Theresa Rude will have to call and check with them. Mrs. Miller made a motion to except this event if the location, security, and electricity problem is straighten out. Seconded by Mr. Leavell. All members present voted yes.

VII. Prairie Creek - Report was given by Ivan Gregory: We are starting another season at the reservoir. We have about 150 hard frames in the water, with the weather cooperating with us. We turn the water on in the campground checking for leaks, but we turned it back off. A friendly reminder that dock fees are due March 31, after that we will be contacting people to fill up the empty dock spaces. We will turn on the water at Indian Hill for the horses. The guys are working very hard.

VIII. Old Business:

Summer Program : Mr. Wright along with Carl Malone, Park Board, have worked to build this program up along with Friends of Conley. If we are still around in the five year, the Parks Department will take over the program. This is the first year that we will have the Youth Summer Program. The Youth Summer Programs Board is Harvey Wright Park Superintendent, Carl Malone Activity Director, Yolanda Taylor Assistant Director. Some of the things we are offering are: basketball, flag football, karate, kickball, tennis, wiffle ball, pickle ball and arts & crafts. We will have team up with former Muncie Westside Rebels, youth baseball/softball league this year. These are the board members for youth baseball/softball league: Harvey Wright, Parks Superintendent, David Fowler, League President, and Nathan Burgess, League Vice-President. They have their first sign up date March 26 at cabin #2 in Heekin Park and April 2. The fliers are available at the Park Office and Unity Center or some parents might be getting them from Muncie Community Schools.

You can sign up for the Spring Soccer, boys and girls in grades K-8. The last day to registered is March 18, 2016. No late registration will be accepted and all the money is to be turn in to Friends of Conley – Muncie Recreation Soccer. Registration fee is \$20.00.

IX. New Business:

Years of Service Award goes to Carl Malone. Carl Malone is no longer on the Parks Board, but will continue working with the Summer Program. The Mayor wanted to show his appreciation by giving you this award for your hard work and promotion. The Muncie Parks Department present a plaque to Carl Malone for the years of service.

Mr. Malone wanted to say, “ Thank you to the City of Muncie and The Parks Board, over the years to have the opportunity to visualize what we would like to see in our parks. I think we all could agree, that we could do a better job of placing programs in our parks. Really, from the bottom of my heart I appreciate the City of Muncie, and the Mayor for coming right in sitting down and talking about what we could do to better improve the parks. Mr. Wright and the City Administrator and their vision, the Board members showing the kids in the community that they can benefit and will continue to benefit along with the Unity Center as they move forward with the plan. I have looked through the park plans and saw some improvements that are good for 2016 and some for 2017. We still need to continue programs in our community and our first concern is safety for our kids.

Duke Campbell asked the President if he could speak. He wanted to express his appreciation for all Carl as done through the years, and will continue doing in the community.

Trash Truck Request – Mr. Wright is requesting permission to purchase a trash truck because the engine blew up in the one we had. I didn’t bring the quote because I was still waiting on one. I will have to take it before the Board of Works and then I will bring it before you before I purchase the truck. It will cost about \$22, 000. We don’t have the money in our budget for a new one. I just want permission to pursue. Adrian Leavell made a motion to pursue with the purchase of the truck you just told us about, seconded by Joann Miller. The vote was unanimous.

X. Other Business:

None

XI. Public Input Three-Minute Limit; Please state your name and address

None

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Next meeting will be at 6 p.m. at City Hall on May 17, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Rude, Secretary